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Amendments To The Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A medical device having a longitudinal axis, the device comprising a plurality of interconnected struts including:

~~at least one special struts, each~~ having a first side with a first region of first curvature relative to the longitudinal axis and a second side with a second region of second curvature relative to the longitudinal axis, the first region opposite the second region, the first region curving in a direction opposite to the second region relative to the longitudinal axis of the device, ~~the each~~ special strut having a radiopaque marker between the first and second regions,

at least one cover, the at least one cover on at least one region of the medical device, a plurality of the radiopaque markers marking the proximal end of the at least one region and a plurality of the radiopaque markers marking the distal end of the at least one region

~~one or more struts adjacent the first side of the special strut having a shape which is generally complementary to the shape of the first side, and~~

~~one or more struts adjacent the second side of the special strut having a shape which is generally complementary to the shape of the second side.~~

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) The medical device of claim 1 wherein the special struts are ~~is~~ in a region between the ends of the medical device.

Claim 3. (Cancel)

Claim 4. (Original) The medical device of claim 3 wherein the cover extends about the circumference of the medical device.

Claim 5. (Original) The medical device of claim 3 wherein the cover does not cover the entirety of the medical device.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) The medical device of claim 1 comprising a second cover covering a second region of the stent, another portion of the special struts located at the periphery of the second region of the stent.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) The medical device of claim ~~6-1~~ wherein a cover extends about the medical device in the region of each special strut.

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Claim 8. (Currently Amended) The medical device of claim 2 wherein the special struts are is-located anywhere between the middle of the medical device and a position one half of the way from the middle of the medical device to an end of the medical device.

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) The medical device of claim 1 wherein some of the special struts are is-at one end of the medical device.

Claim 10. (Currently Amended) The medical device of claim 1 ~~comprising at least two of said special strut,~~ wherein one of the special struts is at one end of the medical device and the ~~other~~ another special strut is at the other end of the medical device.

Claims 11-12. (Canceled)

Claim 13. (Currently Amended) The medical device of claim 1 wherein the radiopaque markers are ~~is~~ in the form of a radiopaque material plated, coated or painted on the special strut.

Claim 14. (Currently Amended) The medical device of claim 1 wherein the radiopaque markers are ~~is~~ in the form of a radiopaque material swaged or welded onto the special strut.

Claim 15. (Original) The medical device of claim 1 in the form of a stent.

Claim 16. (Currently Amended) A stent comprising:

a plurality of interconnected struts including: at least one special struts, each special strut having a region with an enlarged width with a greater radiopacity than the remainder of the strut, ~~the strut having a shape,~~

~~a first strut adjacent a first side of the strut having the region with the enlarged width, and~~
~~a second strut adjacent a second side of the strut having the region with the enlarged~~
~~width,~~

~~the shapes of the first and second struts taken together complementing the shape of the~~
~~strut having the region with the enlarged width~~

at least one annular section of interconnected serpentine segments having a proximal and a distal end, there being a plurality of special struts disposed adjacent to the proximal end of the annular section and a plurality of special struts disposed adjacent to the distal end of the annular section thereby better locating the section during a medical procedure.

Claim 17. (Currently Amended) The stent of claim 16 wherein the special struts are ~~with the enlarged width~~ is in a region between the ends of the stent.

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Claim 18. (Currently Amended) The stent of claim 17 further comprising a cover disposed about at least one section of interconnected serpentine segments ~~stent in a region including the strut with the enlarged width~~

Claim 19-21. (Canceled)

Claim 22. (Currently Amended) The stent of claim 16 wherein some of the struts with the enlarged width are ~~is~~ located anywhere between the middle of the stent and a position one half of the way from the middle of the stent to an end of the stent.

Claim 23. (Currently Amended) The stent of claim 16 wherein some of the struts with the enlarged width are ~~is~~ at one end of the stent.

Claim 24. (Original) The stent of claim 16 wherein the region with the enlarged width is substantially circular or oval.

Claim 25. (Original) The stent of claim 16 in bifurcated form.

Claims 26. (Currently Amended) A stent in an unexpanded state comprising:

a plurality of interconnected struts including special struts, each special strut having a radiopaque marker, the struts including a central strut, a first strut on one side of the central strut and a second strut on the other side of the central strut, a portion of one side of the central strut nested within the first strut and a portion of the other side of the central strut nested within the second strut, the nested portions of the central strut being more radiopaque than the remainder of the central strut

at least one cover, the at least one cover on at least one region of the medical device, a portion of the special struts located at the periphery of the at least one covered region.

Claim 27. (Currently Amended) The stent of claim 26 wherein the ~~central strut is special struts~~ are not at an end of the stent.

Claim 28. (Currently Amended) The stent of claim 26 wherein the radiopaque markers are ~~portion is~~ bulbous.

Claims 29-33. (Canceled)

Claim 34. (New) The stent of claim 1 wherein the cover does not extends about an entire circumference of the stent.

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Claim 35. (New) The stent of claim 34 where the cover does not extend over the entire length of the stent.

Claim 36. (New) A stent comprising a first end region, a second end region and a central region, the first and second end regions having serpentine patterns of struts, the stent having a pattern of struts in the central region which differs from the serpentine patterns of struts in the first and second end regions, the stent having regions of enhanced radiopacity, wherein the regions of enhanced radiopacity delineate boundaries of the central region of the stent.